

REMARKS

Claims 11, 13-20 and 22-26 remain pending in this application with claims 11, 14-20 and 23-26 having been indicated as allowable and claims 13 and 22 being amended by this response.

Objection to the Declaration

The Office Action asserts that the filed declaration is defective. Attached please find a new Supplemental Declaration executed by the inventor. The Supplemental Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to identify the name and mailing address of each inventor. In view of the attached Supplemental Declaration, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Objection to the Drawings

The Drawings have been objected to for failing to describe reference character "24" in the description. The specification has been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to include reference character "24". It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment. In view of the amendment to the specification, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Specification

The Examiner has requested that the status of all co-pending applications cited in the specification be updated. The cited co-pending patent application (U.S. Patent Application No. 09/475,448) is still currently in active prosecution. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the status of all co-pending applications cited in the specification are up to date.

Rejection of Claims 13 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph

Claims 13 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention.

The Office Action asserts that claims 13 and 22 are dependant on cancelled claims 12 and 21 respectively. Claims 13 and 22 have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to be dependant on independent claims 11 and 20, respectively. In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Claims 11, 14-20 and 23-26 have been indicated as allowed. Claims 13 and 22 have been indicated as allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of the base and any intervening claims. In view of the amendments to claims 13 and 22, it is respectfully submitted that all currently pending claims (claims 11, 13-20 and 22-26) are allowable. The applicant respectfully submits, in view of the amendments to the specification and claims, that all objections and rejections made by the Examiner have been addressed. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that the present claimed invention is in condition for allowance.

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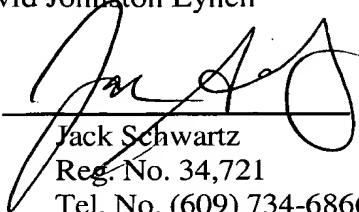
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